



LOOK OUT—Dick Gregory, comedian and rights activist, told a jam-packed Monarch Hall audience this week that they must watch out for "them." In a fast-paced presen-

tation, he mixed comedy and social commentary that was well received by the hundreds of students and faculty in the audience.

# Gregory: sex tapes exist, 'I have them'

By LISA SHAMES, Staff Editor

"The sex films that Larry Flynt is talking about are real. I don't know how he got 'em but he's got 'em, cause he gave a copy to me."

That was just one of the many controversial topics directed at the standing room only crowd by Dick Gregory in Monarch Hall Monday morning.

The 52-year-old comedian-activist talked about everything from junk food to the assassination of JFK 20 years ago this month.

Elaborating on the sex tapes, Gregory claims that when authorities fingerprinted Vickie Morgan's apartment after she was beaten to death, there "wasn't any fingerprints. Ain't nobody that would leave a house like that except for the government," said Gregory.

Gregory didn't stop there. He sees a connection between the downing of the Korean airliner September 1 and the tapes. He claims that Sen. Larry McDonald, who was killed on that flight, was going to use those tapes against Reagan. His death, according to Gregory, was necessary to keep things quiet.

Gregory claims to know about various social and political issues that contradict common beliefs and talked repeatedly about "manipulation."

"What the hell were 600 white students and medical instructors from America doing all the way in Grenada," asked Gregory. "They were performing Nazi-like experiments" and he also claims the invasion was necessary to set up American weapons there.

Gregory's comedian background was very evident during Monday's speech. The audience responded enthusiastically as Gregory delivered his remarks in a machine gun-like style, jumping from one topic to the next without much transition.

Jesse Jackson's presidential campaign was also part of Gregory's speech. He said he told Jesse, "You should run because you are an American and you are qualified." Gregory also said, "I believe the 'master plan' is to put a black in the White House," but he said he doesn't necessarily think it will be Jackson. He claims America's need for minerals only found in Africa make a Black president important.

Gregory did a lot of blaming on Monday afternoon. Sometimes he put the blame on "niggers" and sometimes on "white folks" or "whities." But most often "they" were to be blamed.

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# Clubs discontent with ASB over membership question

By JEFF SHARE, City Editor

To ASB or not to be?  
That is the question that is causing controversy with many clubs on campus.

Since 1981 the Associated Student Body (ASB) has placed a rule in the club registration forms that states, "All registered club members will be in good standing with the ASB," said ASB Vice President Steve Ap-

pell. He defined one of the things that good standing means is "you must be a member of ASB." This semester Appell is trying to enforce that rule.

However, Dr. Pauline Merry, dean of student services, recently said, "Technically he is going against District rules. While we would like everyone to be ASB

members, we can't make them."

Appell said that this is more a matter of principle than finance.

"I want to because I feel that it's fair. Why should one club member who is getting the same services from his club not have to be an ASB member when the other club member who's getting the same services has paid his ASB dues?"

"We are still trying to figure out a way to do this without losing members," Appell said that "most clubs are pretty agreeable."

In a recent letter to the editor Appell invited a poll to "see how the majority feels about this issue. You might be surprised with the results."

However, of 13 club presidents and senate representatives surveyed on this issue, only four of the clubs supported enforcing the rule. (There are 23 clubs officially registered with the ASB.) The other 11 clubs called this action unfair.

Many clubs agreed that the ASB membership fee is too high.

"To a lot of people \$7 is a lot of money," said Rotaract Club President Kimberly Martin.

Rick Mazaira, senate representative for the Campus Christian Club, said Appell's idea is "contrary to what this club stands

for. . . I don't think it's fair to those who can't afford it and those who don't want to."

Administration of Justice Club President James Lilley said, "When they come out and say that you have to be a member of ASB to belong to a club, as far as I'm concerned, they are taking away one of our freedoms. We have our freedom of association supposedly in this country. If they want to take that away from me, I'll fight them."

Several clubs feel the same way. Gail Slawson, president of the Gay and Lesbian Student Union Club, feels when she simply stated, "Their services don't interest a lot of people."

Young Americans for Freedom Club President Steve Hutchins said his club "receives no services from ASB. I've been with this club for about 2½ years and ASB only helps the people that they want to help. ASB is just, in my opinion, another club on campus and there should be no requirements to join it to be a member of any other club."

Speaking on behalf of the Senior Students Club, President Bernice Friedkin said, "We've been on this

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# Seniors may lose discount privileges

By JEFF SHARE, City Editor

The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees considered, at their board meeting yesterday, reducing the 50 percent discount currently given to senior citizens for Community Services fees to 10 percent. Because the Community Services are now self-sufficient, the 50 percent discount is causing many classes to be cancelled.

Last year, 342 Community Services programs were cancelled in the LACCD.

According to Vice-Chancellor

Kenneth Washington, this was because there were too many senior citizens in these programs receiving a 50 percent discount.

"The senior citizen programs are clearly in a catch 22," said Washington.

"If you do a good thing for them, that is give them a 50 percent discount. . . the bad thing that falls out from that is there can be no programs at that funding level. So the reason for giving them a 50 percent discount goes up in smoke."

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CUTTING UP THE TURKEY—4-year-old Kristine Carreon shows off her turkey puppet, which she made at Valley's Child Development Center for the upcoming holiday.

## Perspective

# Torres: no longer a 'voice in the wilderness'

This is another in a series of profiles featuring some of the people who affect the quality of life at Valley College.

By JOSEPH KEHOE, Editor-in-Chief

He chooses his words carefully, one by one, as if it is the first time he has ever addressed the issue. He strains to avoid sounding like a broken record.

State Sen. Art Torres (D-Los Angeles) is discussing the possibility of tuition at California's community colleges for what is probably the hundredth time this week.

"I think it really begins to test the quality of life that we're going to have here in California. Tuition, for me, represents the testing ground for a transition that California is undergoing."

Proposition 13 and the election of Ronald Reagan as President and of George Deukmejian as governor of California are signs, Torres believes, that the country is re-evaluating the role that government plays in people's lives.

"And now the very essence of what government provides, and that's the educational opportunities, is also being questioned."

The current fight in Sacramento over tuition is not merely a political battle between the governor and the Legislature, or Democrats and Republicans, Torres says.

"It's much deeper than that. It involves some very basic questions of what kind of quality of life we're going to have in California."

The issue "transcends from community colleges to toxic waste to education to the criminal justice system to

the relationship between government and its people, and clearly to a relationship between people among themselves," Torres says.

There is even the danger that if student fees are imposed at the community college level, then the next step will be to charge elementary school students, he believes. There are some members of the State Senate who would vote for such a proposal, according to Torres.

He fondly remembers his own experience at East Los Angeles College.

"I didn't know what I wanted to do. I couldn't afford to go to a university. And those two years were extremely important to me because they framed for me the

direction and perhaps the vision that I have...

"It gave me an opportunity to have accessibility to a system that perhaps might have been denied in 1983 or '84."

Although Torres, who has been in the Senate since 1982 and was in the Assembly before that, is anything but a one-issue politician, his concern for the environment and transportation take a back seat when set against the issue of "accessibility."

Torres sees the need for restructuring of the tax system in this country in order to have a more "equitable" society.

"...It all relates to how much and who pays to determine (the) quality of life" in society, he says.

"And that's the bottom line."

Community colleges, then, have become the battlegrounds for this major fight over what government should be, according to Torres. In this sense, the issue has grown to much more than something that only affects community college students.

Torres has been traveling throughout the state, going to various community colleges in order to motivate students to join the fight to stop tuition.

Torres is imploring students to go to Sacramento in January when the Legislature reconvenes to take up the issue once again.

"Community college students have never rallied on the steps of the Capitol, because they've never had to. Now, I think, it's their responsibility to do so, not only for themselves but for future generations."

Torres is "very enthused" by the response that he has received.

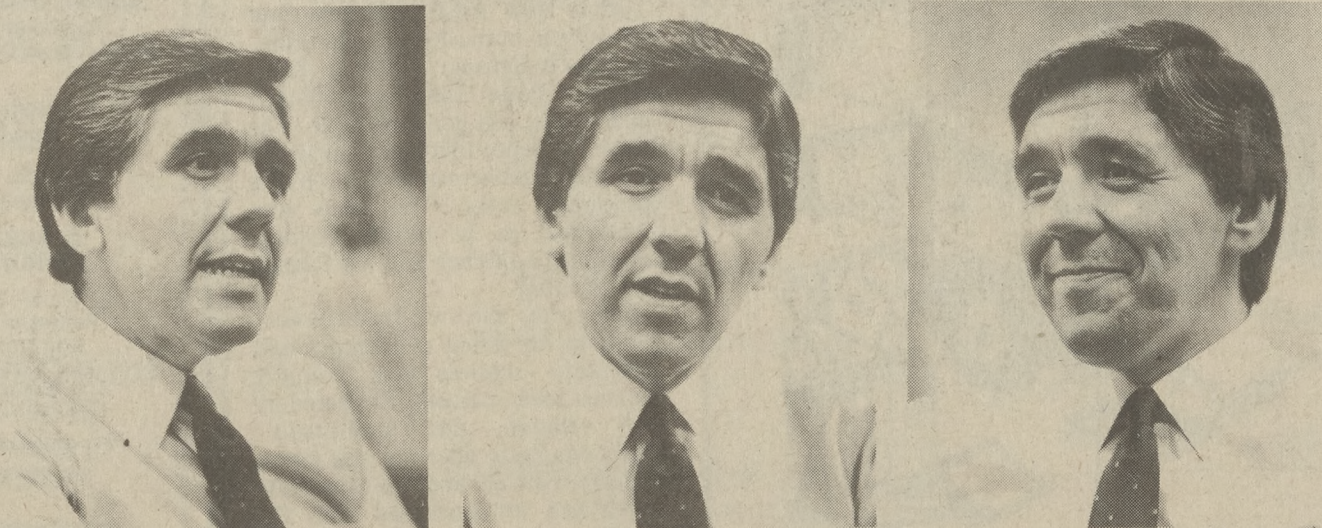
"It was a very lonely fight in the Senate, arguing against fees," he says, but now he no longer feels like a "lone voice in the wilderness."

However, Torres believes that it is too early to bring the issue of tuition before a public vote as Assembly Speaker Willie Brown has recently suggested. It would be a "mistake" because the "public isn't totally aware of what's going on."

At this point, Torres says he is not thinking ahead beyond his term as state senator.

"Sure, any senator would like to be governor, or United States Senator, or President some day. I don't know which of those goals will be mine."

But for the time being, Torres has more than enough to worry about with tuition. And worry he does.



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# College commended by accreditation team

by DAVID BOHRER, Associate News Editor

Amidst an eager, hopeful, and attentive crowd of Valley College faculty and administrators, the Accreditation Team representing the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges last Thursday gave a condensed "unofficial" report on their findings during their three day visit.

The main purpose of the visit, as stated by Dr. D. Candy Rose, accreditation team chairperson, is to "evaluate the college in terms of missions, goals, and objectives; to evaluate the educational process in general; and to validate the college's own self-study" done last spring.

Although some of the results of the reaffirmation visit were discussed during last week's meeting, a full report will not be received by Valley from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges until sometime in the near future.

Valley College was overall com-

mended by the team and Rose, who said, "We are impressed with a college that has been around since 1949 with a senior faculty who nonetheless has retained an incredible amount of enthusiasm for what they do here at the college."

"We would also," continued Rose, "like to commend the classified staff in general for their continuing support and dedication in light of some rather stringent activities scheduled to occur."

Valley was further commended for its quality of instructional programs, its high levels of instruction and instructional support, for instructors maintaining office hours beyond their posted hours, and "for the faculty taking an active part in the decision making processes of both the college and the district, in which myself and the team say with great pride," said Rose.

The college also received com-

mendations regarding its student services, positive community relations, maintenance and energy conservation and the college's financial and fiscal management.

"Whatever you do get, you do a good job with," said Rose.

Dr. Edwin Young, vice-president of academic affairs, said, "I think in this case the team probably felt we were doing a pretty good job, and I thought the overall view was pretty positive."

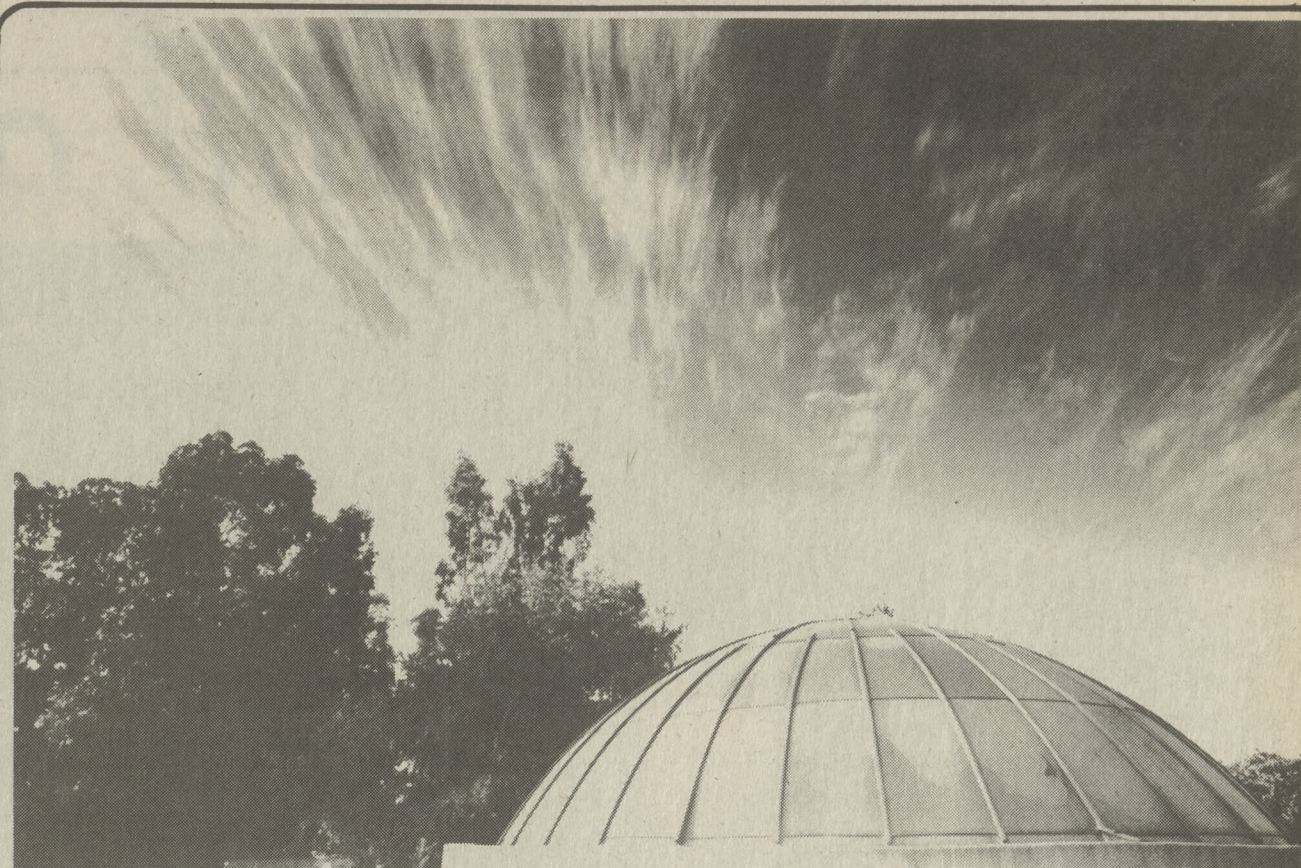
But despite the many commendations the college received by the team, recommendations were also made.

Some of the recommendations were that the college create more detailed and specific objectives to obtain college goals, that the administration establish a formal means of insuring the involvement of all segments of the classified staff in the college decision making process, and that the college administration and staff, "move immediately" said Rose, "to establish clear cut priorities on how to use remaining resources to the optimum level for instructional and safety purposes."

Other recommendations pointed out further matters dealing with budget concerns.

In response to hopeful reaffirmation of accreditation to the campus and the purpose, Dr. Mary Lee, president of Valley College, commented, "I think it makes us look at ourselves and evaluate what we are doing and where we are going. The visiting team pointed out many of the things we were already aware of and brings them into focus. Their primary focus was on more planning and evaluation, which I believe we do need."

"We've learned a lot," said Rose, "and hopefully the college will learn from our observation and analysis of its efforts."



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## Relief in sight

# Men, women: where do we go?

By EILEEN ERICKSON DARMIENTO, Copy Editor

Valley's students have spent ten weeks of this semester trying to figure out where the men and women's bathrooms are, and the signs which identify them are not expected to be replaced for two more weeks.

A district wide plan to revise the campus availability for the handicapped has resulted in Valley being left with out bathroom identification signs.

The state mandated project called for nine campuses in the district to be revised. This included widening doors and bathroom stalls, and replacing toilets, ramps, and water fountains. It was to be a correct all, accommodate all, remodeling job that is federally funded.

The bathroom signs not being replaced have resulted in men and

women entering the wrong bathrooms and faculty bathrooms being used by students.

Jack Smith, the district's supervising construction inspector said he is quite aware of this problem. In a recent visit to Valley, he said, he found a door with a sign on it which said M-E-N. "I went in, and it was a women's (bathroom)."

The contractor's starting date was Dec. 1982, and he was originally due to finish before school started this semester. A time extension has been granted, and the completion date is now January 1984.

Dave Ogne, Valley's building and grounds administrator, said the work could have been done faster but "as they complete a phase, or run out of materials, they move on to the next campus." The contractor has also sub-contracted most of the work. This has left all of the col-

leges only partially complete, according to Ogne.

Smith said that there were some delays, such as code laws and bad weather, that were out of the contractor's hands, yet it still should not have taken so long.

"I've had to call a series of meetings, and I insisted that the contractor put more men on and complete it," said Smith.

Ogne and Smith both considered this to be a difficult project because of the nine locations. Smith said if anything like this had to be done again, he would like to see it done one campus at a time to avoid inconveniences. He said in addition to not being please with the length of time it has taken, he is not pleased with the quality of the work. Therefore, he would "probably not" ever recommend this contractor.

## Valley to host journalism competition for California students this Saturday

By MARY CRONIN, News Editor

Valley will be host this Saturday to about 400 Southern California journalism students and instructors who will participate in the 26th annual Southern Section Journalism Association of Community Colleges 1983 convention.

The convention provides a showcase for excellence in various phases of journalism during the past year, and also affords the participants the opportunity to compete in various "on-the-spot" journalism contests to be held on Saturday.

Senator Art Torres (D-Los Angeles), a vigorous opponent of tuition in the state's community colleges, is scheduled to be the main speaker at the conference. His speech, along with the question and answer period that follows will be the subject of the news writing part of the competition.

Other writing categories in the day's competition include editorial, sports, and feature stories.

Photographers will also compete in various categories including sports photo, news photo, and feature photo.

Since timeliness is of the essence in news work, all of the contestants will have the burden of strict deadlines. Photographers will only be allowed five minutes to make a print after their negatives have been processed. Writers will have to

finish their news and feature stories in an hour.

Valley journalism instructor Eddie Irwin, who is the chairman of this year's competition, pointed out the value of this type of contest for journalism students. "The most important thing is to give students a chance to work under pressure and to give them the opportunity to compete with their peers from other colleges." He said that the contest conditions will be "very realistic."

The work of journalism students published in school newspapers during the past year was judged earlier this month by professional newsmen, according to Irwin, and prizes for the winners in 27 different categories will be awarded Saturday afternoon.

The categories range from general excellence and front page layout for a school paper to editorial, opinion, human interest, and investigative stories for writers. The seven photography entries include sports, feature, news, and photo essays.

Although about half of the judges in these categories are former Valley students, Irwin said that there is no chance of preferential treatment as the entries are submitted with numbers rather than names. The same is true for the "on-the-spot" contests held Saturday.



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## Gregory. . . (Continued from page 1)

"They are manipulating you and are trying to control you," he said. "They are trying to reduce you down to an animal." "They" to Gregory means the "rich folk" or the "Fortune 500."

"They" according to Gregory are connected with the aids and herpes epidemics, the Martin Luther King and John F. Kennedy assassinations, and are involved in a plot to "neutralize" Gregory.

Gregory claims to have documents that are non-accessible to the public for 75 years linking Jack Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald to the payrolls of the FBI and CIA.

Schools don't escape Gregory's criticism either. He referred to them as "cesspools of hatred. They teach you how to make a living and not how to live," he said. Gregory emphasizes "being quiet" and "listening to the spiritual force inside you."

Although there was much laughter at Gregory's speech, not everyone was laughing so hard. Some people objected to Gregory's use of the word "nigger." Some found it offensive and degrading.

One piece of "documentation" that wasn't shown at the 11 a.m. lecture was some still photos. These photos showed a male and a female (Gregory claims to be McDonald and Morgan), engaged in various sexual positions.

For Gregory, all this interest is part of "living up to my social obligation."

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## Club controversy. . . (Continued from page 1)

campus for many years and our members will not join the ASB. They don't feel they get enough benefit out of it. They don't want to spend the \$7. They can't: they're on a limited income."

Appell said "I'm not going around to every club and taking an exact count of who's an ASB member and who's not. I'm taking them on their word." He did say that he is planning spot checks on the clubs "in the near future."

According to Lilley, "If they try to make it mandatory, the ASB will go right down the drain because everybody will just say, 'We don't need you.'"

Mazaira stated, "If it gets to the point where we might have to meet off campus so we won't have to enforce that, then we'll move to that."

The somberest reaction to the possibility of an enforcement of the rule came from Friedkin. She said that the Seniors Club "won't be able to have a club then."

Mike Briggs, president of the Latter Day Saints Student Association Club, said, "I understand where they are coming from. They need money. The ASB has to have money to run and support the student activities on campus."

Briggs believes that the rule should call for a majority rather

than a 100 percent membership.

Most of the clubs in favor of enforcing this rule are clubs that have and do receive substantial amounts of money and services from the ASB. The Broadcasting Club received its equipment, MECHA Club gets major festivities funded, and the Spirit Club gets money for the athletic teams.

As a registered club on campus there are many services available from the ASB. Some clubs do not know of these services and some are not interested in them.

The biggest problem as Appell sees it is that "besides the ID card, they don't see any immediate gratification. The services they are getting will be hopeful, fairly consistent throughout the whole semester."

The ASB allows clubs to use facilities on campus at a reduced fee, to use an ASB sponsored bank account, to be involved with the senate meetings that legislate and mandate over club activities, and various other services provided by ASB, according to Appell.

The ASB is planning a way for students who cannot afford the \$7 fee to work for the ASB to pay it off.

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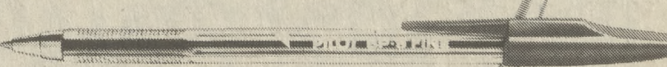
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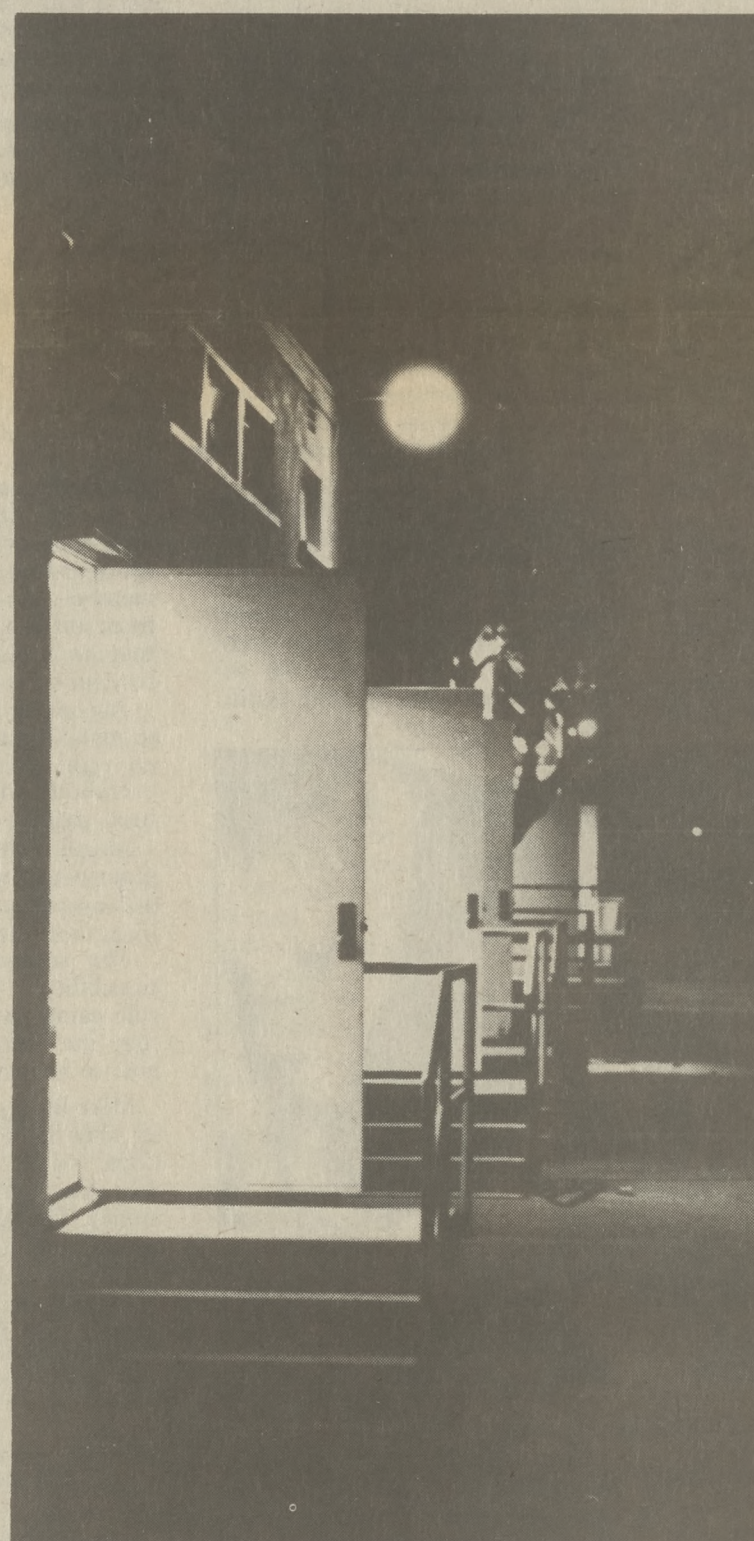
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# *In the still of the night . . .*



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# Monarchs build momentum with third win

By CHRIS HASSETT, Sports Editor

The threat came late in the fourth quarter. The Monarch defense was desperately trying to protect their 20-14 lead over the Southwest Cougars while the Cougars were making an impressive drive toward the end zone.

The mud that blanketed the field due to several days of rain, had prevented both teams from making any strong drives, and it seemed that under the conditions, with a little more than four minutes in the game, the next touchdown would win it for either team.

Cougar Head Coach Henry Washington sensed that, and looked on as his team moved inside Valley's 10 yard line.

Unfortunately for Washington, Monarch defensive back Richard Walker was also keeping a close eye on the situation, and when Cougar running back Thomas Brown was about to take that final step into the end zone, Walker gave him a shot to the chest, causing a fumble that he recovered on the three yard line.

"We put on a very good drive," Washington said. "And my offensive coaches made one hell of a call on that play, but the kid just dropped it."

"I think he was concentrating more on the end zone and took his mind off the ball."

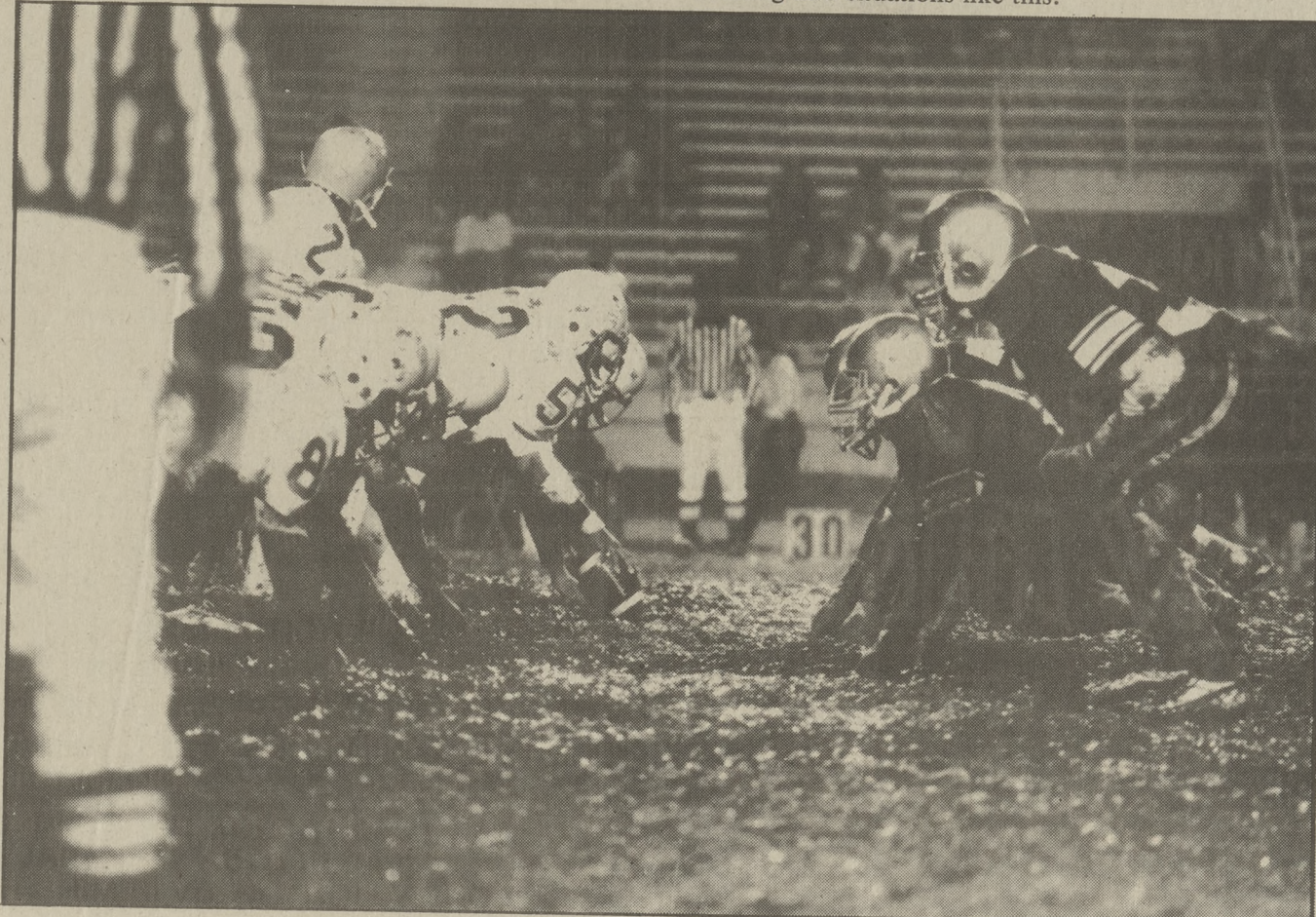
But that has been the problem that has been plaguing the Cougars all season, and it is one of the main reasons why they lost on Saturday night.

Early in the first quarter, Cougar quarterback Micheal Gibson threw a pass that was intercepted by L.C. Echols. The next play, Monarch quarterback Ron Wilson threw a 34 yard pass to Derrick Traylor to put the Monarchs up 6-0.

The Cougars then went on to score two touchdowns putting them up 14-6.

But with 38 seconds left in the half, they were called for pass interference that put the Monarchs on the one yard line. Two plays later, running back Charles Goodie went in for the touchdown. It was 14-14 at the half.

The second half started off with the Cougars throwing three back to back interceptions, giving the Monarch offense the opportunity to put the final six points on the board.



**MUD BUDDIES**-The Monarch defense faced an unpredictable Southwest College offense last Saturday night on Valley's mud drenched field. The defense played another excellent

"That is the way it has been going for us," Washington said. "We've had three losses, and each one of those we had our chances to win it, but we keep running into situations like this."

"We have a good group of kids but they don't seem to know how to win yet."

But Monarch Head Coach Chuck Fererro knew the potential threat that Southwest posed for his team.

Similar to the turnaround that the Monarchs made a few weeks ago, he knew that Southwest could have easily reversed their losing pattern.

"I thought they were the team to beat going into the end of the season," he said. "They nearly beat Pierce and they beat the heck out of West L.A. when they were on a roll. So there is no question about it, they are a good football team, but we were just a little bit tougher."

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The long awaited rivalry is here.

Valley and Pierce are both tied for second place in their conference, so when these two teams meet on Saturday night, it will be a 'do or die' situation. If either team loses, it is all over for the season.

"This is a great rivalry," Fererro said, "and that is the way it should be."

"There is always a lot of emotion in these games, especially this one, because it could be for all the marbles."

Pierce will be trying to take revenge after Valley beat them 22-21 last year in a highly emotional game.

The rivalry stems from both teams being so close to one another and from many of the players knowing each other from their high school days.

"It's going to be a good one," said Pierce coach Richard Lawson, "not only because both teams need the win, but also because many of the players on our team played high school football with players from Valley's team, so it is going to be a good matchup."

The game will begin at 7:30 at Pierce.

## CONFERENCE LEADERS

	WON	LOSS	TIE
East Los Angeles College	3	0	1
Los Angeles Valley College	3	1	
Pierce College	3	1	

## 'Covert' action expected at cross country state championships

By CHRIS HASSETT, Sports Editor

Alan Hancock was expected to win, and, to no one's surprise, they did.

But the debate was, who would take second.

Moorpark had the advantage simply because they were on their own turf.

But they didn't. Valley College took second place behind Alan Hancock College in last Saturday's, four mile, Southern California cross country championships.

Valley, which had one of the worst teams last year, has been making impressive showings throughout the season.

"In some ways I'm really amazed," said Head Coach Mark Covert.

"We have done less mileage and less hard work than probably any other team I have ever coached (due to the fact that Covert was dismissed from teaching at Valley two years ago because of district cuts), yet when the big meets come around, they were ready, physically and emotionally."

"They have a lot of confidence in themselves and they believe they can run well when it counts."

The women's team this year was led by Maureen Doderline and Cindy Hickman, both of whom had a very good season, but neither were able to qualify for the state finals that takes place this Saturday at Woodward Park in Fresno.

That honor will go to the men's team, who made a very strong showing this year.

Valley will be sending seven men: Eugene Cruz, Jim Becker, Lou Friedman, Matt Finnigan, Eddie Patana, Donald Young, and Tom Wilkenson.

Wilkenson placed sixth at the So. Cal. meet, and now feels a need to show his real ability in Fresno.

"I'm kind of mad about how I did last week," he said. "Not that I had a bad day, it's just that everyone else had a good one."

He felt the reason he did 'poorly'



was probably a mental problem.

"You get to the point where you think about it so much (the race), that it just physically drains you."

"When Fresno comes around, I'm going to try not to let it get to me. I'm just going to go out and run with the leaders."

Covert feels he will not have any problems with his runners at the state finals. "This is what they have been training for all year," he said.

"I think it will basically be between us and Hancock. The teams from the north are very good, but I don't think they are as good as us or Hancock, and that is who we have to beat. We'll either finish first or second - we'll beat Hancock or we won't."

## Valley, Citrus polo teams finish co-champs Citrus moves on to So. Cal. finals

By CHRIS HASSETT, Sports Editor

The Valley College and Citrus College water polo teams ended up co-champions of their conference for the second year in a row, but last night at Rio Hondo College, in a playoff game to decide who would go on to the Southern California finals, Citrus prevailed, beating Valley 14-11.

Citrus beat Valley last year by one point in the playoff game, so this year, Valley head coach Bill Kraus was looking for revenge, and in the beginning it looked like he was going to get it.

"I really thought we were going to win," he said.

"We had them down 6 to 2 going into the second quarter, but then they came back hard."

Citrus closed the lead to one point at the half, and by the fourth quarter it was tied at eight.

By then, Citrus had the momentum to pull out the win.

Citrus head coach Bill Ralls has seen his team do that frequently in the 19 years he has been with the team.

"It has been the history of our school," he said, "that if someone jumps out to an early lead against us, we get dangerous, because our team starts coming back and then that momentum seems to pull us through for the win."

But Valley has generally been an exception to that rule.

Throughout the history of both

teams, Valley and Citrus have been very evenly matched, enough so that both teams know they will probably be playing each other at the end of the season to see who goes to the finals.

"Since I've been here," Ralls said, "Citrus has had more close games with Valley than with all the other teams put together."

This season Valley has had one of its best teams ever. With sophomore players such as Bill Lees, Mike

Mulligan, Niallis Skeehan, to name a few, the team has virtually wiped out every team they've played.

Lees is expected to be named No. 1 player in the state and goalie Mike Mulligan is expected to be picked first team in the state.

But these players will be moving on next year, and Kraus will have to start with an almost all new team.

"I'm a little bit nervous about it now," he said, "but I've been recruiting and I think we are going

to have another good team. Probably not as good as this one, but I don't think it's going to be a problem."

"Right now I'm thinking about these guys, and they've had one hell of a year."

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## Camelot's death revisited

It has been 20 years since the fateful day when John F. Kennedy was assassinated. Of that day, Star editor Marty Simons wrote, "Students wept unashamedly as professors cancelled classes to voices that were barely audible."

Although they couldn't have realized it at the time, those 1963 Valley students were going to be spending the rest of their lives in a world that would quickly and drastically change from that tragic day on.

Kennedy ushered in an era that many labeled "Camelot"—a period of big dreams and plans, and an emphasis on youth, action, and patriotic enthusiasm. However, because his term in office was cut short, it's difficult to determine what he would have ultimately accomplished from those dreams.

Counselor Mel Sprecher was a chemistry teacher at the time of Kennedy's death. He believes Kennedy was a president who made a big difference. "He had a 'turn of phrase,' a charisma that made people enthusiastic," Sprecher said. "He made you believe he'd really do what he said he'd do."

Sprecher's son was born nine days before the assassination, and he remembers the irony of confronting both birth and death at the same time.

Students goals, he believes, have gone through a change which is reflected in current curriculum choices. "During the Kennedy era, due to his preoccupation with the space program, students were enrolling en masse in the sciences to be trained to help develop our space technology. The feeling was that they were doing it for the good of our country."

In the years after Kennedy's death, Sprecher said that students began gravitating towards the humanities and social sciences.

"Starting in the mid-60's, they wanted to cure the ills of mankind. Subjects such as philosophy, teaching, history, literature and languages complemented the high ideals of the period, according to Sprecher. Students were more concerned with changing the system in an unselfish way, he said.

Contrasting those attitudes with the career goals of Valley students today, Sprecher says that business, economics, and computer science are 'the' fields to enter. He attributes this to the cynicism of the 80's. "These students are strictly out for the big jobs and the big money." But he readily admits he's become as cynical as everyone else.

Jay Merson, Valley professor of French, recalls the assassination day well. "I remember I was over in the language office when it came over the loudspeaker that Kennedy was shot," he said. "I came into the workroom absolutely stunned. People were asking, 'How could this happen?'"

Merson sees the assassination of Kennedy as a "catalyst." He credits the civil rights movement of 1965 in part to Kennedy. "After Kennedy assassination there seemed to be a real change in the world," he said. "People started to question society a lot more."

Along with this change, Merson said there was a lot of thinking going on, "not like the indifference and pacivity you see today. From 1963 to 1979, the period of the Vietnam War, there was absolutely the greatest talent on campus."

He found also the attitude had changed in regard to the outlook of America. "It wasn't my country right or wrong, but my country, let's fix it."

Merson felt that we don't know enough about Kennedy to know what he would have done if he had lived,

Richard Hendricks teaches history and political science at Valley, which gives him ideal credentials with which to view the changes that have taken place since Kennedy's death.

"President Kennedy had the rare talent to challenge us to do great deeds, to reach goals that seemed to be unattainable," Hendricks said. He also notes the "charisma" of the late president. "Young people of that era would have listened to Kennedy, had he lived. Instead they turned to confrontation in the years after he died." but he said, "He was charismatic. Kennedy stirred people."



## Placement bureau offers holiday job opportunities

By CAROLYN BARRY, Staff Writer

Jobs, numerous and diversified, are available at the Job Placement Bureau, Campus Center in room 116.

With the holiday season rapidly approaching, the student's need for money and the prospective employers' need for extra help becomes more acute.

At the placement bureau, many of the jobs are part time, but not all are exclusive for the holidays. Some employers will train on the job, and others require minimal skills. There are also full time openings available. Many of the jobs may be a stepping stone to a new career.

The bureau's main function is "to assist students and graduates in obtaining part-time employment while in college and full-time work after completion of their college courses."

Mira Sonderling, placement interviewer, said that sales is the most common Christmas job opportunity but, sales range from department stores, telephone sales, and demonstrations, to cheese, nut, and variety stalls.

If sales isn't your thing, Sonderling said they also have a 'miscellaneous' job category. In every sense of the word.

If you like dogs, you'll get paid for walking one. The Brownies are looking for a jazz dance teacher for two lessons and an ice skating rink needs you.

Secretaries, punch press operator, and hospital tray line worker are examples of available jobs where the company will train.

There is also the usual call for Santa and Santa's helpers.

Companies call the placement bureau because "they prefer calling the colleges because they know the people they get will usually be of a higher caliber than from State Employment," said Sonderling.

The jobs are listed by number and categories. If a student is interested in a job, the bureau screens for qualifications if any are needed, then the student goes out to the company for an interview.

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**HAND IN THE COOKIE JAR**—A Valley student, who refused to be identified, has one more thing to be thankful for this week after receiving a warning but no ticket from campus police officer Bill Stevens after having parked in a handicap space.

## Senior discount. . . (Continued from page 1)

When a senior citizen applies for a Community Services class, Bobby Boulton, LAVC Community Services Project Manager said, "if he shows his gold card, we accept him. It's reached the point that you simply grit your teeth because you have to hope you have enough enrollment to make that cost, and if you don't the class goes by the board."

Since Proposition 13, the tax money that supported the Community Services programs stopped. The funding was continued by the district until about two years ago. From that point on the district required Community Services to be "self-sufficient."

"The programs must pay for themselves," said Washington.

"Across the district, seniors probably represent about 10 percent of the total operation," said Mike Gegna, Assistant Director of Community Services for the District.

"We don't want to hurt the seniors at all. We're like the corner grocery store, were trying to make it a go and have to make the overhead and the cost of materials and supplies to carry it. It becomes increasingly difficult."

Washington said, "When we have a system that allows a 50 percent discount for a substantial number of the people attending, then you can no longer afford it. There is no money elsewhere to support the other 50 percent of the cost."

Ida Berkowitz, a California Senior Assemblywoman said, "I was active in trying to propose that they increase the cost a little bit two years ago, but not to the extent of 90 percent. That's much too much."

Berkowitz explained why she feels that seniors cannot afford much more than 50 percent, "We have to make ends meet too, especially if you are on a fixed income. With

rents going up and utilities going up, if you have to pay much more for education, why my God, it's just no way."

The district action, while cutting the discount for senior citizens also could establish a 10 percent discount for disabled persons.

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